

In the specification:

Page 1, line 2, amend as follows:

~~Prior Art~~ CROSS-REFERENCE TO A RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation-in-part of application serial no. 10/018,651 now U.S. patent no. 6,505,377.

Page 1, amend the paragraph in lines 5-6 as follows:

The invention is based on a link element for windshield wipers
~~according to the preamble to claim 1.~~

Page 3, line 22, amend as follows:

~~Advantages~~ Summary of the Invention

Page 6, lines 7, Insert the following:

Brief Description of the Drawings

Page 6, line 21, amend as follows:

Description of the ~~Preferred~~ Exemplary Embodiments